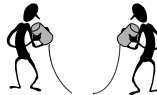


Discussing the Respectful Way!



We are about to start a project in which we will use the Internet to share ideas with other students.

It is a bit tricky sharing opinions when you cannot see the other person's face or hear the tone of her/his voice.



Sometimes when we disagree, we might hurt another's feelings.

or make that person angry!



It is important to remember that everyone is entitled to her/his own opinions. Each person should feel safe enough to say what she/he thinks! So, choose your words wisely. Think, and then think again, before you send. By learning together, we are all winners!

Here are some suggestions for disagreeing respectfully:

- "You made a good point when you said ... but, have you thought about...?"
- "I never looked at it that way before. I thought that..."
- "You made me really think when you said ... The way I was looking at it was..."
- "I agree with you when you said ... but was wondering if ..."
- "That's a really good idea. What do you think about...?"
- "I see what you mean. Here's what I am thinking about that."

